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HOT LOTTO \$9.14 MILLION JACKPOT IS READY TO BOIL OVER

BISMARCK – The current Hot Lotto jackpot isn't the largest ever but it's close to the \$10.78 record and odds are good that it could go to a North Dakota player.

Overall odds of winning a Hot Lotto prize are one in 16. "It's been a good game for our players," said Chuck Keller, director of the North Dakota Lottery. Close to 240,000 North Dakota players have won prizes playing Hot Lotto since the game was launched on June 24, 2004.

Meanwhile, two lucky retailers from eastern North Dakota sold winning Powerball tickets to players from Cooperstown and Douglas, ND. Town & Country Coop, Cooperstown, and Petro Stopping Center, Fargo, sold tickets worth \$5,000 each.

Don Zimprich, along with his wife Eunice, claimed the \$5,000 prize sold in Cooperstown on June 13, 2005. When he arrived at the Bismarck Lottery office, the first question Zimprich asked Lottery officials was, "Is it too late to buy the Power Play!" The Power Play number for the draw purchased by Zimprich was four and the prize would have been \$20,000.

Bill Burke, Douglas, claimed the \$5,000 prize sold in Fargo. Lottery officials are still waiting for the May 28, 2005 \$100,000 Powerball winner who bought the ticket at Barlow's Miracle Mart in Mandan, ND to claim the prize.

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